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SUBJ: TANZANIA TAKES EXCEPTION TO UN EXPERT REPORT ON INDIAN
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REF: USUN 1747

1. SUMMARY: IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, TANZANIA TAKES STRONG
EXCEPTION TO COMMENT IN EXPERT ON INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL
DEPLOYMENTS WHICH SUGGEST PRC HAS MILITARY BASE IN TANZANIA.
TANGOV REQUESTS ERROR IN REPORT BE CORRECT. END SUMMARY.

2. TANGOV HAS INSTRUCTED ITS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN TO
CO COMMUNICATE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO SECRETARY GENERAL.

QUOTE I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE REPORT ON
THE INDIAN OCEAN CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/AC151/1 DATED 3RD MAY
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1974 PREPARED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3080

(XXVIII) AND TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

QTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA HAS BEEN GREATLY DISTURBED TO FIND THAT IN THE SAID REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH AS IN FACT SUPPOSED TO BE FACTUAL AND SCIENTIFIC, SLANDEROUS RUMOURS AND SPECULATIONS ARE REPORTED. PARAGRAPHS 70 AND 71 OF THE REPORT READ:

QTE INNER QUOTE 70. CHINA HAS NO BASES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, NOR DOES IT DEPLOY ANY OF ITS NAVAL UNITS THERE. CHINA HAS TRANSFERRED NAVAL EQUIPMENT TO TANZANIA, PAKISTAN AND SRI LANKA, AND HAS ASSISTED TANZANIA IN CONSTRUCTING A DOCKYARD AT KIGAMBONI.

QTE 71. THERE HAVE BEEN SPECULATIVE REPORTS ABOUT CHINESE SATELLITE TRACKING FACILITIES IN TANZANIA AND ABOUT A CHINESE MISSILE TRACKING SHIP AND A MISSILE RECOVERY SHIP IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. END INNER QUOTE.

QTE AND ON A MAP AT PAGE 23 OF THE REPORT IT IS SHOWN THAT CHINA HAS A MILITARY BASE IN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA.

QTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TAKES THE OPPORTUNITY TO STATE THAT THE ALLEGATIONS MADE IN THOSE PARAGRAPHS AND THE MAP ARE TOTALLY FALSE AND WITHOUT FOUNDATION WHATSOEVER. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT IT IS THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND SRI LANKA WHO INTRODUCED THAT FIRST RESOLUTION IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE QUESTION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE IN 1971 AND THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA IS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN. WE HAVE MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT WE SHALL COOPERATE WITH ANYONE TO MAKE THE INDIAN OCEAN A ZONE OF PEACE. FURTHERMORE THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA IS A NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY AND WE HAVE REPEATEDLY MADE IT CLEAR TO THE WORLD THAT WE ARE TOTALLY OPPOSED TO FOREIGN MILITARY BASES AND THAT WE WILL NEVER PERMIT ANY PART OF OUR TERRITORY TO BE USED FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

QTE THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THE SPECULATIONS CONTAINED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE REPORT ARE HIGHLY UNWARRANTED AND IMPROPER. WE VIEW WITH DISMAY AND CONCERN THAT A UNITED NATIONS DOCUMENT OF SUCH IMPORTANCE COULD BE PREPARED ON THE BASIS OF MALICIOUS CONJECTURES AND FALSE ASSUMPTIONS CONCEIVED BY EXPERTS WHO NEVER EVEN BOTHERED TO SEEK AN OPPORTUNITY OF CHECKING THEIR INFORMATION WITH THE MEMBER STATE CONCERNED.

QTE I REQUEST YOU TO EFFECT THE NECESSARY CORRECTIONS AND TO

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